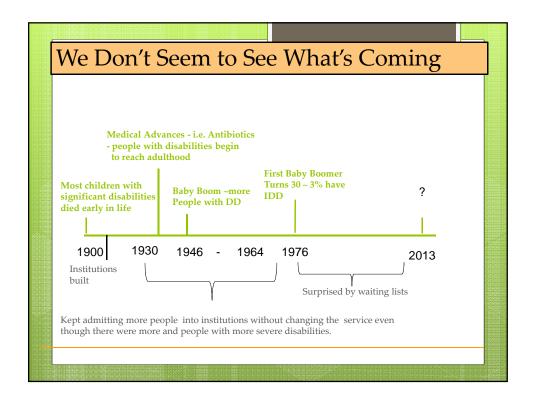
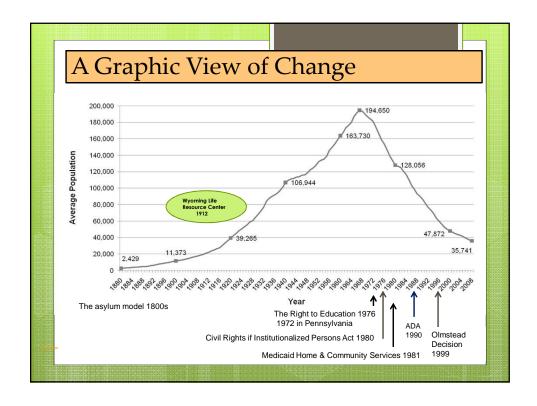




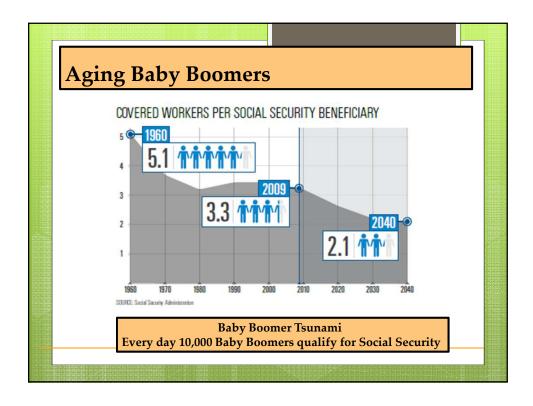
# A Vision that People.....

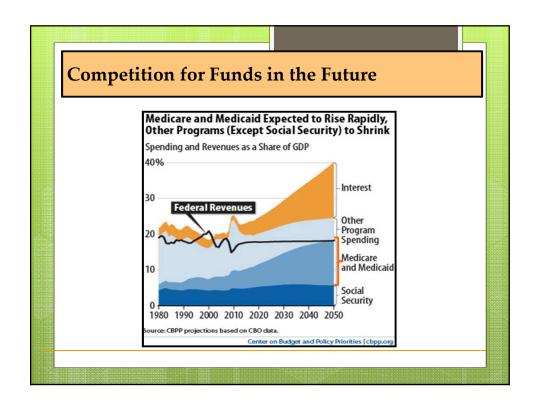
- o Will be healthy, happy and safe
- o Will have family and friends in their lives
- Will go to school and be fully involved
- o Will work at a good paying job
- o Will make decisions about their life both major and minor
- Will be contributing citizens of their community
- o Will have dreams that come true

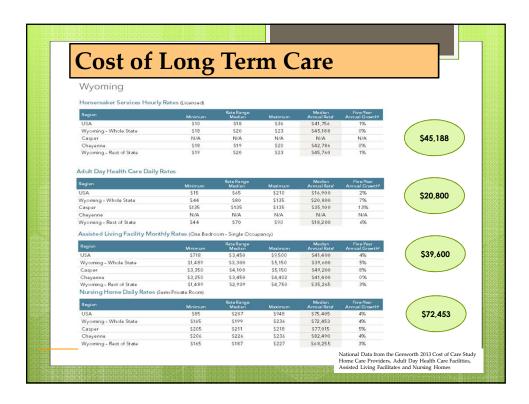


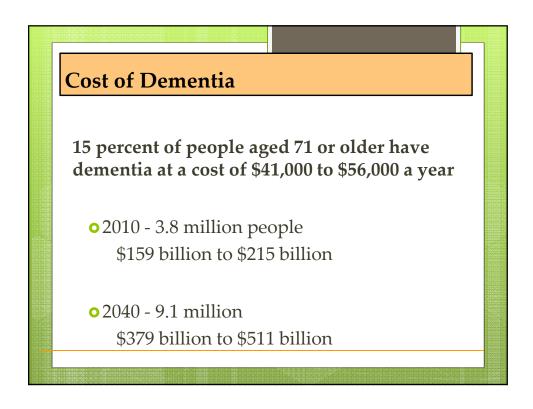


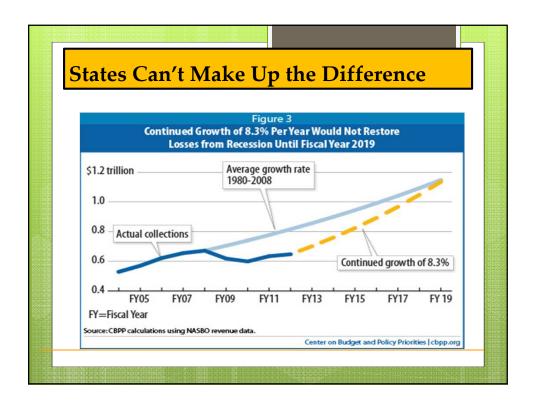


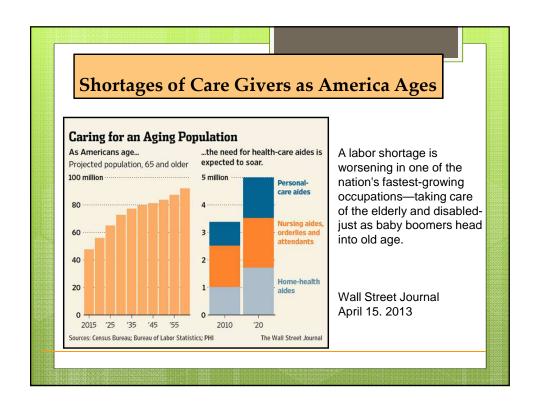


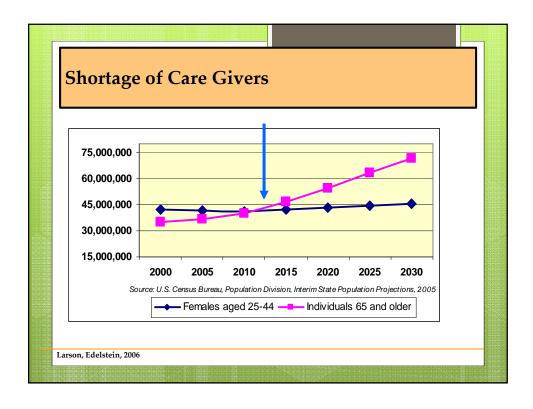


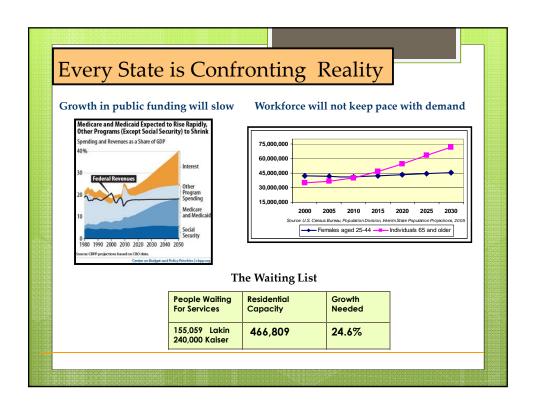


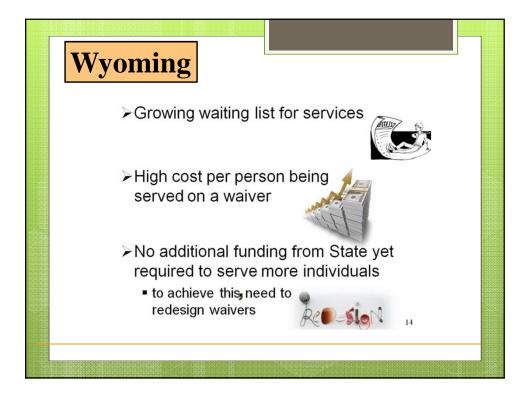








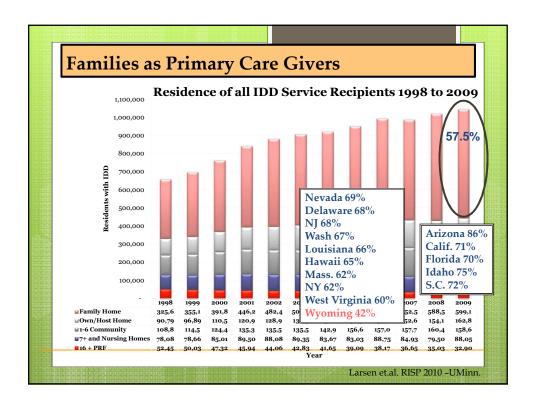




# Reality

We can't afford out-of-home 24hour staffed models of support for everyone;

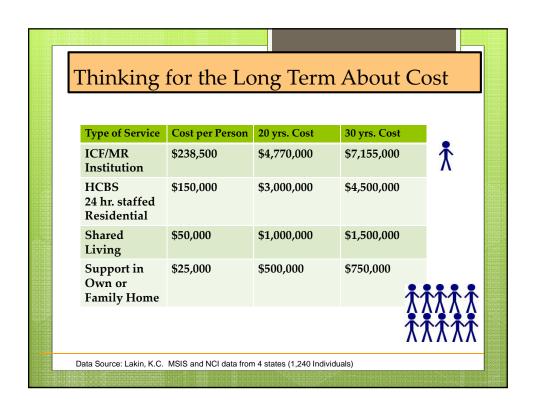
Families have been and are the primary support for people with IDD.

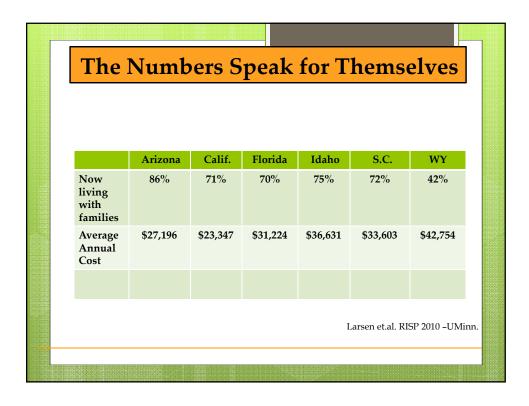


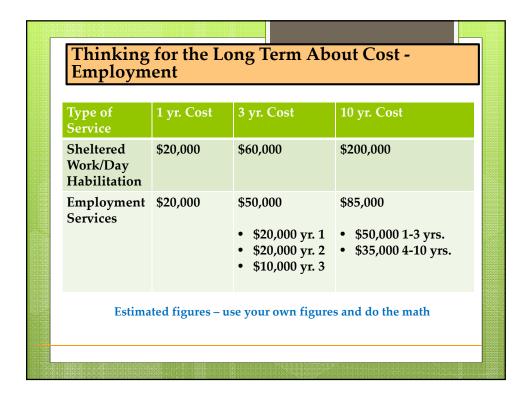
	National	Living At Home
Est. Number of Persons with DD	4.7 Million*	
Receiving State DD Services (25%)	1.2 Million*	
Of the 25% receiving Services	528,000 (44%)*	672,000 (56%)
Not receiving State DD Services		3.5 Million (75%)
Total Persons with DD Living at Home		4.17 Million (88%)

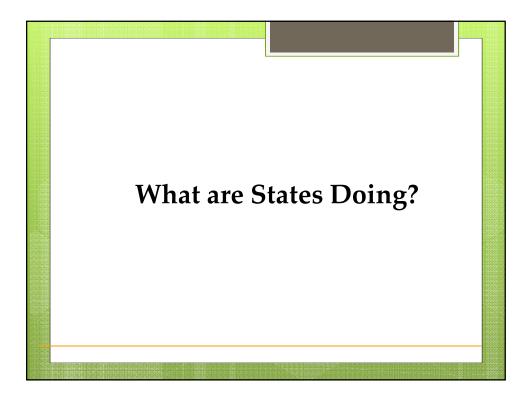
## The Question Is.....

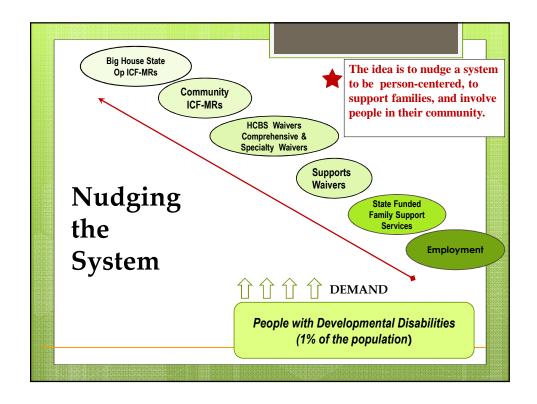
Not whether people who have developmental disabilities will be living with and relying on their families for support but..... whether people and their families will struggle alone or have a great life because the supports are there for them and they are part of their community.









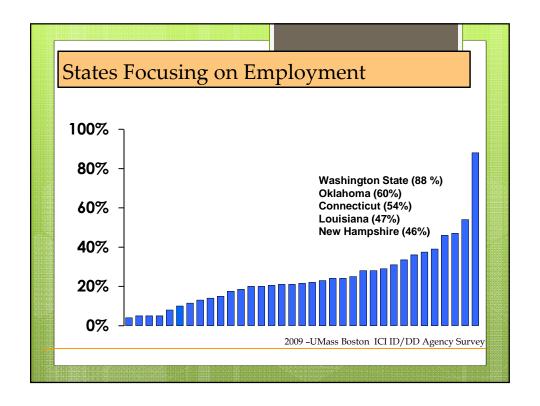


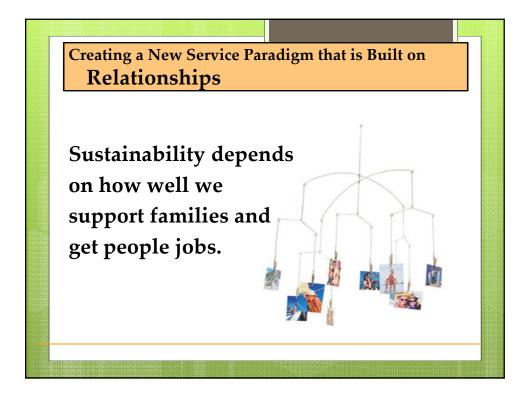
## Just What Wyoming is Doing

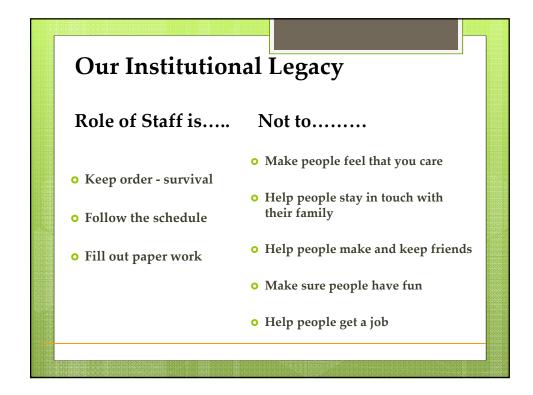
- Legislature passed SEA 82
  - requiring changes be made to Medicaid waiver services
  - we control costs & use existing funds AND
  - we provide services to more individuals with special needs who are on the waiting list

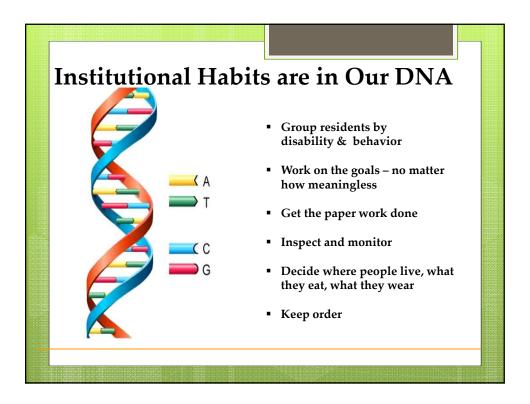


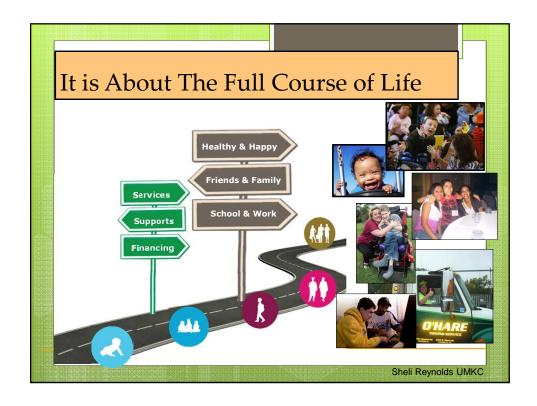








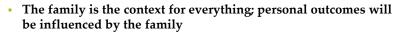




#### Supporting Individuals & Families Across the Life Span **Emotional Support:** Information and Training: Instrumental Supports: Mental Health and Self-Knowledge and Skills Day to Day Needs Efficacy Parent-to-Parent · Information about Support Support disability Coordination · Self-Advocacy Childcare · Knowledge about best Organizations • Respite practices Employment • Family Organizations Services • Skills to navigate and Personal Care/ access the community · Sib-shops Habilitation Adaptive equipment · Skills to navigate the • Support Groups • Home modifications service system Cash Subsidies · Professional Short/Long term · Ability to advocate for Counseling planning with services and policy family Non-disability change Community support

## Families are Not Group Homes

- Families include parents; siblings; grandparents; other relatives
- Families are complicated. Family .....
  - Help each other; they sacrifice for one other;
  - Hurt each other; they apologize and forgive;
  - · Have fun and celebrate with each other
  - Have routines, customs and habits they have their way of doing things
  - Have secrets and things they don't talk about
  - Have troubles, get tired and discouraged
  - Do the impossible
  - Commit abuse and take advantage of other families members
  - Can't do everything
  - · Etc. etc. etc.



### Ethical Issue: Training and Support for the Supporters

It is crucial to provide ongoing supervision from a clinician with expertise in family dynamics to identify issues as they emerge, to help staff be aware of their feelings and reactions, and to review ethical standards, and to act accordingly.

- A staff member in the family home on a daily basis begins to be seen as one of the family. Family professional boundaries can be easily crossed, as families share more and more and as the staff member sees the family in every aspect of home life. Families may begin to:
  - o ask for additional help, like child care,
  - o suggest social contacts,
  - o invite staff members to family events, birthday parties
  - o give gifts to staff, and staff may want to give gifts to family members.
- Staff members may become emotionally involved in family members' lives
  - o pulled into marital disputes, and
  - o privy to private conversations.
- Staff members may develop strong feelings about the family's
  ways of parenting.
  housekeeping.
  - ways of parenting,
- interacting,
- o daily habits, o financial practices,

and these feelings may affect the staff members' interactions with the family, making it harder to maintain their role.

### Does Everyone Have to Life with Their Family?

### No.

It means we have to maximize the extent to which as many people as possible can live great lives without 24 hours of paid supports using RELATIONSHIP BASED OPTIONS

- Family
- **Extended Family**
- Friends 0
- Shared Living
- Independently or with a friend
- Paid Companion

